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## CNN/ DES MOINES REGISTER/MEDIACOM IOWA POLL

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600 Likely Democratic caucus participants,  
including 433 in-person attenders and 167 virtual participants  
Margins of error:  $\pm 4.7$  percentage points for in-person attenders  
and  $\pm 7.6$  percentage points for virtual participants

Study #2190

June 2-5, 2019

3,776 active registered voter contacts  
weighted by age, sex, and congressional district

**Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.**

Are you a resident of the state of Iowa and registered to vote here?

100	Yes	<b>Continue</b>
-	No	<b>Terminate and do not collect demographics.</b>
-	Not sure	

How interested are you in participating in the Democratic party caucuses to show your preference for presidential candidates—very interested, fairly interested, just somewhat interested, or not interested? **(Terminate if not interested or not sure, but code age, sex, registered party, and congressional district data from sample.)**

	Very interested	Fairly interested	Just somewhat interested	Not interested	Not sure
In person	77	14	8	-	-
Virtual	40	28	32	-	-

This year the Democratic caucuses will be a little different. In addition to the regular meetings on caucus night, the Democratic Party of Iowa will convene virtual caucuses to take place online or by phone on several days leading up to the traditional, in-person caucus meetings on February 3rd. Do you think you would definitely participate in the 2020 caucuses—either in person or in a virtual caucus—probably participate, might or might not participate, or probably not participate? **(Terminate if might or might not participate, probably not participate, or not sure, but code age, sex, registered party, and congressional district data from sample.)**

	Definitely participate	Probably participate	Might or might not participate	Probably not participate	Not sure
In person	62	38	-	-	-
Virtual	32	68	-	-	-

**Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.** Here's a little bit more information about how the virtual caucuses will work. The sessions will cover the same topics as in-person caucuses: party business and messages from candidates as well as collecting information on participants' candidate preferences. No matter how many people participate this way, 10% of the total delegates from the state of Iowa will be allocated based on the results of the virtual caucuses, 90% will be based on the in-person caucuses.

Do you think you will definitely or probably participate in person on caucus night, or definitely or probably participate in a virtual caucus, or do you now think you are unlikely to caucus at all? **(Specify.) (Interviewer note: If respondent unsure of which type of caucus, ask:) Which is more likely? (Terminate if unlikely to caucus at all or not sure, but code age, sex, registered party, and congressional district data from sample.)**

	Definitely attend in person	Probably attend in person	Definitely participate in virtual caucus	Probably participate in virtual caucus	Unlikely to caucus at all	Not sure
In person	62	38	-	-	-	-
Virtual	-	-	32	68	-	-

**Code caucus type based on previous question.**

- 72 Attender (in-person caucus attender)
- 28 Remoter (virtual caucus participant)

Given what you happen to know about the Democratic Party's plans for virtual caucuses, do you approve or disapprove of those plans, or don't you know enough to say?

	Mostly approve	Mostly disapprove	Not sure
In person	42	7	51
Virtual	45	1	54

Have you attended caucuses in the past or will this be your first caucus? **(If attended in past, ask:) Was that a Republican caucus, a Democratic caucus, or both?**

	Attended Republican caucus in the past	Attended Democratic caucus in the past	Attended both	First caucus	Not sure
In person	4	72	7	17	-
Virtual	3	39	5	52	-

I'm going to mention positions some candidates have taken. I want to know whether the position is a make or break deal for your support. For each, please tell me if support for the position is a must-have for you, if you agree with the position but it's not a must-have, or if you would oppose a candidate who took the position. **(Rotate list.)**

		Must-Have	Not Must-Have	Would Oppose	Not Sure
"Medicare for All," shifting to a completely government-run health system	In-person	49	34	11	6
	Virtual	48	39	9	4
Free tuition to a public four-year college	In-person	23	56	15	6
	Virtual	29	57	11	3
A proposal called the Green New Deal	In-person	32	44	6	17
	Virtual	35	42	4	18
Broadly expanding student debt forgiveness	In-person	42	46	9	4
	Virtual	48	43	6	3
A woman's right to abortion	In-person	79	12	4	4
	Virtual	80	14	5	2
Restoring the ban on assault-style weapons	In-person	57	31	8	4
	Virtual	62	30	7	1
Recognition of climate change as the greatest threat to humanity	In-person	75	19	4	3
	Virtual	76	20	3	2
Restoration of voting rights to all felons, regardless of the crime or whether they have completed their sentence	In-person	23	53	16	8
	Virtual	18	63	14	5
Breaking up big tech companies	In-person	21	58	12	8
	Virtual	18	65	9	8

I'm going to mention some other traits that might describe a candidate. Given the political climate today, please tell me if you think each trait would be more of an advantage or disadvantage in facing Donald Trump in the general election contest next year, or if it makes no difference. **(Rotate list.)**

		Advantage	Disadvantage	Makes no difference	Not Sure
Being a woman	In-person	23	19	54	4
	Virtual	23	28	47	3
Having years of experience in Washington	In-person	52	7	38	3
	Virtual	62	8	26	3
Coming from a place that mostly votes for Democrats	In-person	28	12	56	4
	Virtual	38	14	44	5
Being gay	In-person	4	28	62	5
	Virtual	12	28	54	6
Being over age 70	In-person	1	46	50	3
	Virtual	3	50	44	3
Being white	In-person	25	4	65	5
	Virtual	31	5	59	4

## ABOUT THE POLL

The Iowa Poll, conducted June 2-5, 2019, for CNN, *The Des Moines Register* and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 600 registered voters in Iowa who say they will definitely or probably participate in the 2020 Democratic caucuses. These 600 likely Democratic caucus participants were sorted into two discrete groups: 433 who say they plan to attend a caucus in person and 167 who say they plan to participate online or by telephone in a virtual caucus.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted 3,776 randomly selected active voters from the Iowa secretary of state's voter registration list by telephone. The sample was supplemented with additional phone number lookups. Interviews were administered in English. Responses for all contacts were adjusted by age, sex, and congressional district to reflect their proportions among active voters in the list.

Questions based on the sample of 433 voters likely to attend the 2020 Iowa Democratic caucuses in person have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 4.7 percentage points. Questions based on the sample of 167 voters likely to participate in a virtual caucus have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 7.6 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the true population value by more than plus or minus 4.7 or 7.6 percentage points, respectively. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

Because the proposed rules for the 2020 Iowa Democratic caucuses at the time this poll was conducted include a provision that the results of the in-person caucuses will account for 90 percent of delegate equivalents and the results of the virtual caucuses will account for 10 percent of the delegate equivalents, the first-choice candidate results of this poll have been reported out in three ways: 1) among likely in-person caucus attenders alone; 2) among likely virtual caucus participants alone; and 3) combined in a calculation that gives 90% weight to the preferences of the in-person attenders and 10% weight to the preferences of virtual participants.

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